



Torn from Happiness



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Chapter 1 by The Book of Stories

Momma and Papa had always been happy.

No fights, or arguments.

We were all so happy.... I even drew a pretty picture of us when I was seven.

I'm ten now. Arguments happen every day, and my parents are completely oblivious to the fact that I just want them to be happy.

One day, they were arguing about bills and how much money we were spending. My sacred drawing sat on the desk near them.

"Stop it, Angela!! It's over!" My dad roared at my mother.

"Well you just be glad you have your daughter to talk to, because this conversation is over!" Momma huffed and ran out of the house.

My dad growled in anger and tore my picture out of my hands.

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Happiness is over. Forever.

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I'm 16 now. My parents are officially divorced, now that I can function in highschool. I go around from Mom's house to Dad's house.

I hate it.

Happiness had left six years ago.

Will it return?

Chapter 2 by -



Last night, when I came home early from soccer practice, I noticed a strange vehicle parked in the driveway. As I quietly opened the front door, I could hear a deep, charming voice. I crept around the corner and peered in to the living room.

Mom was sitting on the sofa with infatuation written all over her beaming face. In front of her, a dark, strong, good looking man was kneeling. He was whispering something into her attentive ears.

Then my mom leaned away and smiled, clasping her hands together, like a child pleased. The man stood up, took her hand, and brought it to his lips. "I will see tomorrow, *mpenzi wangu* (my love)."

I went back over and opened the door back up, and then slammed. Pretending to just arrive home, I called out "Mom, I'm home!" I heard the back door shut. The man must have left.

Mom met me in the kitchen and kissed me on the forehead. "I have something to tell you dear."

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